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STRICKLAND GILLILAN

The last number of the Lyceum course was held last Monday night and the evening will be long remembered by all who were present. Mr. Gillilan brought to us a message of joy and good feeling; his very presence as he stood before us, was enough to cause relaxation and good humor. He announced that his mission in Paw Paw was to dispel gloom and create mirth for at least one evening, and then he proceeded to do so in an inimitable manner. The audience found his stories irresistible and his personality lovable. He varied his witticisms with exquisite poems of his own composition which won the hearts of his audience. Few of those present can remember occasions when they have laughed more heartily, or been more deeply moved. He left with us the feeling that he had been talking with us instead of to us and that he was the intimate friend of each one.

Strickland Gillilan has been with us many times in the past, and we hope we may hear him many times in the future. We will never tire of a man who can make us laugh as we did Monday night.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

Paul Wood, who broke one of his fingers on his right hand, is recovering rapidly from his injury.

Ruth Harrington was absent from school last Monday.

The eighth graders are now reading the wonderful story "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Helen Fenton was absent from school part of last week.

Many students enjoyed the Fischer party given by the American Legion last Wednesday evening.

Turner Longwell spent his spring vacation with his aunt in Chicago.

Charlotte Young entertained her cousin from Kalamazoo last week.

Adam stood and watched his wife fall from an apple tree,
Ah! Ha! at last I've found her out,
Eavesdropping muttered he.

SUPT. KAYE IN ANN ARBOR

Supt. Orin W. Kaye, was in Ann Arbor last Monday and Tuesday, attending the School Board Superintendents section of the Michigan School Masters Club, and more particularly to confer with Mr. E. E. Gallup, State and Federal Director of Vocational Education.

While at the Atlantic City Convention Mr. Kaye approached Mr. Gallup upon the possibility of gaining State and Federal aid, to be used in the support of Agricultural and Manual Training Departments in the local schools. At that time there were already 63 Michigan schools applying for this aid, which amounts to about \$1000.00 per year, only 7 of which could possibly receive the aid the ensuing year. Recently however the local school had been one of the 7 selected.

The re-establishment of the Manual Training Department will be welcome news to many people who have felt the necessity for such a department since its forced abandonment about 3 years ago through the inability to obtain an instructor.

The Agricultural Course is sure to be recognized as a very important and popular one. It includes four subjects each running through a year's time and is to be so organized as to best function in the local community. The first years work will be Agricultural Botany, the second Economic Zoology, the third one Semester of Farm Crops and one of Horticulture. The fourth, another Semester of Horticulture and one of Farm Management.

The aim will be to bring these courses into as close relationship with the local agricultural interests as possible. A graduate of the Michigan Agricultural College will be at the head of the Department, and will be employed for a 12 months' period. Any student taking the course will not jeopardize their college entrance requirements by so doing. Three of the four courses being recognized as Academic University Entrance Credits, the other as a Vocational Credit.

The Paw Paw High School has

SOCIAL NOTES

A number of High School pupils attended the American Legion dance Wednesday night.

The Misses Lamton, Dorothy Nelson and Gladys Castner of Lawton were High School visitors last week.

Mrs. Ralph Jennings entertained several girls Saturday afternoon in honor of her neice, who is visiting her.

The Mandolin Club enjoyed an April Fool's day party at the home of Roberta Lyle, Friday evening.

The Misses Lena Maxham, Martha Thayer, Marian Miller and Irene Gibbs, who spent their spring vacation here visited school several days last week.

The girls of the Seventh Grade entertained the boys at the home of Eleese Barker April 1st. A general good time was reported in spite of the date.

Dorothy Anderson entertained at her home Tuesday evening. Her guests were the Misses Frieda, Mary and Dorothy Snow, Dorothy Mae Brennen and Gertrude Summy.

Mr. Castle—Generally speaking a woman is—

Class—Is what?

Mr. Castle—Generally speaking.

been continued on the list of the North Central Assn., with warning. Our attention was called to Standards one and five which read, "the location and construction of the building, apparatus, etc., shall be such as to insure hygienic conditions for both teachers and pupils No. 5. No school shall be accredited whose salary is not sufficient to command and retain teachers whose qualifications are such as required by this Association.

There is a distinct advantage in being on this list as pupils graduating from our high school are enabled to enter any College or University in the United States, except Harvard, Yale and Princeton, where everyone must take entrance examinations upon presentation of diploma.

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YOUR MONEY AND YOUR LIFE

(Continued from last week)

boy for our office. They said they could send me a young man of seventeen or eighteen, with a grammar grade education, plus several years experience, for about \$13 or \$14 a week.

"And how about a boy just out of high school?" I asked. I don't care if he is inexperienced."

"Oh if you want a high school graduate," came the voice over the phone, "we couldn't get you one under \$15. High school boys get higher salaries.

Besides, at present, it's not only a question of higher wages—work of any kind is growing scarce. New York City, for instance, estimates that the number of jobs open to boys and girls now is 60 per cent fewer than last year, while the number of youngsters applying for these fewer jobs has increased 66 per cent. There is going to be a lot of competition for those jobs. Who's going to come out on top? Well, the director of one of the Junior Divisions of the New York state bureau of employment told me this:

"I've found that employers decidedly prefer the high school boy. They

say there are more possibilities in such material, and the boys advance more rapidly.

Business men, with few exceptions, believe that education pays. Occasionally you may find one who has been unfortunate enough to know several high school failures; sometimes, too, you find men who, although uneducated themselves have made a success, which is almost always due to their superior ability rather than to lack of training. Such men, however, are few. Business, as a whole, stands solidly behind the high school. In Newburgh, New York, some member of the Rotary Club personally interviews every grammar grade graduate, advising him to continue his studies. In Evansville, Indiana, a Kiwanis Club is doing the same thing.

Why do business men think high school is so important? Here are some reasons which Editor A. E. Winship of the Journal of Education gives in his recent sketch "Why Graduate."

1 You will get a marketable record. A high school graduate gains prestige. He has a record behind him, something that is worth real money on the market.

2 You will learn to read easily. Nowadays, life is so complex that you, personally, can touch only a very small part of it. The rest you must learn about through reading, or else remain all your life hampered by prejudices, narrow-mindedness, and inability to see more than one side of a case. Unless you read easily you will read too little.

3 You will learn to talk better. The graduate of a senior high school talks much better because of his enlarged vocabulary, his broader horizon, his greater ease in expression. He can more easily talk about general topics, whereas the grade graduate seldom talks freely of great questions.

4 You will learn to think better. The high school has never included one tenth of the population among its graduates, but these have furnished eight tenths of the leadership in American thought. If you read easily and talk of important questions you will try harder to think straight.

5 You will learn how to learn. Something more than experience is needed now in industrial, commercial financial or office life. Men must

not only know what they know, but they must know how to learn something else. This is why all of the professions, all financial and commercial establishments, all literary and journalistic opportunities, and all desirable positions in the industries prefer senior high school graduates.

High school is a short cut.

All this does not mean that you cannot possibly be a financial success without a high school education. You can. You can kindle a fire without matches, and you can build a house without a nail, but you won't do either if you can help it. Neither, if you think straight now, will you attempt to build your life without that most useful tool, a good education.

New times, new education

This is becoming truer and truer every year. Frankly, fifty or a hundred years ago, there wasn't the need for an education that there is today. Remember that, when people begin to tell you about the Carnegies and Edisons and other famous men who never went to high school.

There were two reasons for this.

In the first place, high schools were not so common then, and there were therefore fewer trained men against whom boys had to compete.

In the second place, civilization has progressed so far and become so complex in the last half-century that we must study a great deal harder than ever simply to keep abreast of the times. Knowledge of electricity and Edison, for instance, "sort of grew up together," but just look at all the phases of the subject a boy must master now before he can become an electrical engineer! A hundred years ago, any man who knew the road could drive a stage coach—now look at the traffic experts, telegraphers, engineers, all of them trained workers, needed to run a railroad company!

High School Opens Door

Education is a knowledge of the past and its application to the present," therefore, the more past we get behind us, the more necessary is education. As people begin to realize this, more and more doors are being closed automatically to boys who stop before finishing high school. Here are some of the things which, according to Dr. Winship, even now you will never be able to do without a high school education. You can never

go to college, a first class law, medical, dental or agricultural school, or an army or navy aviation school. You can not obtain a first class position in a newspaper office, and only in a few exceptional cases, can you obtain a place open to promotion in a bank, railroad office, counting room or business office. Do you want to close all these doors in your own force? Then stay away from high school.

High School Charges For Success

High school is not, however a cure-all for all evils. Some people seem to think it is an insurance company. Can a boy enroll and then, by paying in the smallest possible premiums in real study and interest, be absolutely safeguarded from future failure? Not all successes are high school graduates successes. Against your failing no one but yourself can insure you.

Instead of being an insurance concern, high school is a stock company. Your returns depend upon what you invest. Some boys go to high school without investing anywhere near their best effort; no wonder they draw out the smaller dividends. But even they are apt to do better in after life than the hard working, earnest, grammar graduate who never went to high school, because they will be more welcome in business. With few exceptions they will benefit because of others' investments in the high school life they share.

Should every single boy go to high school? No. There are a few—very few—boys who would better not go to high school. Here and there a boy can go faster with home instruction and have good times and character building friendships too. Then there are some—not many—who are not intellectually able to do well enough the advance work of high school to justify spending their own and their teachers' time there. They might benefit greatly from the school life and the handwork, but it is not fair to their classmates for them to try the scholastic work. If you are fortunately in this group you can still make much of your life, you can keep on improving, but high school is really not for you.

If, however, you belong to the large crowd of healthy, normal, average American boys, high school is the place for you. It is so very much the place for you that you and your parents should exhaust every other pos-

JUNIOR NOTES

Several members of the Junior class attended the Fischer party given by the American Legion.

We wonder what Kenny is doing nights that keeps him out of English class the next day.

The G. O. P. club will soon resume its weekly meetings, after the excitement of the play.

We are wondering how to use all the money acquired from the play. Any suggestions will be appreciated but not necessarily followed.

Miss Dorothy Snow of Kalamazoo was a school visitor last Monday.

Alice Allett's friends almost failed to recognize her when she appeared last Monday with her hair bobbed. Harris Wilson is contemplating raising a spit curl.

Harold Crocker was absent Monday morning.

SOPHOMORE NOTES

Kenneth Lyle is critically ill with influenza.

A number of Sophomores attended the American Legion dance last week.

Quite a number of Sophomores turned out for track and baseball last week.

Francis Petrie has returned to school after an absence of about three weeks, on account of being quarantined for scarlet fever, his brother being the victim.

Blanche is looking forward with eagerness to the Glee Club camping trip next summer.

Margaret Root and Blanche Cavanaugh spent last Saturday in Kalamazoo, Margaret staying over for Easter with friends and relatives.

A number of Sophomores spent their spring vacation out of town among them being: Margaret Root and Blanche Cavanaugh in Mattawan, Kalamazoo, Lawton, Lawrence, Bangor, Breedsville and the roads between, Mary Chappel in St. Louis, Francis Petrie in quarantine at home.

Mildred Godfrey of Kalamazoo visited Margaret Root a few days last week.

sibility before you decide to give it up.

Maybe, though, you don't decide to give it up—you don't even want to—you just feel you have to, because your parents can't afford to support (To be concluded next week)

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SENIOR NOTES

The absence of three of our little sunbeams, Lloyd, Ernest and Clayton while in Chicago, left an aching void in the Senior class, which we are glad to have filled again.

Elry Larsen reports that the little ones under his care at recess time are progressing nicely in their manly sports.

Dorothy Anderson spent Thursday afternoon in Kalamazoo.

The Senior class returned Monday morning as fresh as a daisy from their week's vacation.

Congratulations are extended to our sister class, the Sophomores. They held a class meeting last week, the first to be held in the Red Brick this semester, we believe.

WANTED: A class party. Senior class.

Mr. Castle fooled his Physics class in a pleasant manner April 1st, by absenting himself in chaperoning the boys to Chicago.

Mr. Kaye attended the session of the schoolmasters' club held at Ann Arbor Monday and Tuesday of this week. Upon returning, he gave the high school the following facts: 30 per cent of the Freshmen enrolled in the course of Literature, Science and Arts at the University fail in one or more subjects. Of this number 25 per cent are placed on probation and 5 per cent are sent home. Therefore any school whose pupils do not average at least a grade of C will be dropped from the list. Pupils graduating with averages of less than C will not be accepted. This is intended as a warning to students to take their high school work seriously and get the most possible from it.

In place of chapel the high school enjoyed short talks by various students upon the advisability of joining the Athletic Association

Mr. Henderson of the University of Michigan, spoke in the Methodist church Sunday evening.

GRADE NOTES

Lelah Galehouse has entered the Sixth grade.

Elaine Hershberger and Louise Rolland have reentered the grades.

Wenly Smith has entered the Kindergarten.

The Chewinks and Robins have built their nests in the First Grade room. The little folks of that class have planted their crops in the sand table.

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